

THE CHINA MAIL.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1898.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

ISSUE-DAY

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne
A.D. 1714.)
CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £3,147,574.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £902,286.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents of the above Society in Hong-
kong, are prepared to issue Policies against
FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
1142, Praya Central.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1897,
£13,153,989.

Authorised Capital £3,000,000.00
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000.00
Paid-up Capital £687,500.00
Fire Funds £2,601,016.29

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORCZ,
MERCHANTS AND SHIPPERS,
GEYTON.—W. M. SHAW & CO., THE
AUSTRALIAN CO., GORDON,
SINGAPORE STRAITS, &c.—KELLY &
WILSON, LTD., SINGAPORE,
CHINA.—MARIO A. A. DA CRUZ, AMY,
& MOLEIR & CO., LIMITED, FOSHAN,
H. W. CHURCHILL, SHANGHAI, LIAO-
NAN, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY &
WILSON, YOKOHAMA, LIAO, CRAWFORD
& CO., and KELLY & CO.

Intimations.

CHAMPAGNE—1 doz 2 doz
U. H. Mann & Co. \$35.00 \$37.50

WHISKY—1 doz bottles
Deane's Imperial Institute \$10.50
McCrindle's Special Selected 10.50

PORT WINE—1 doz bottles
Guedes' 3 Grapes Brand \$24.00

SHIZWAN, TOME'S & CO.,
Praya Central,
Hongkong, December 24, 1897. 1522

J U S T L A N D E D,
HAMS, HAMS, HAMS.

A SMALL PARCEL OF HASTINGS
HAMS.

PRICE VERY MODERATE.

H. RUTTENJEE,
13 and 15, D'Aguilar Street,

21 and 22, Elgin Road, Kowloon,

Hongkong, October 29, 1898. 2047

Kinghorn & Macdonald,

Consulting Mechanical Engineers
and Surveyors.

CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALL
KINDS OF MACHINERY AND
APPLIANCES.

ICE MAKING.

MRS. KINGHORN AND MAC-
DONALD having been appointed
SOLE AGENTS for Messrs. J. and E. HALL'S
PATENT REFRIGERATING MACHINE, are
prepared to supply Estimates, Plans and
Specifications for all sizes of Machines
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Telephone, No. 143.

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JOHN W. KINGHORN,
M.I.M., M.I. Mech., London.

DONALD MACDONALD,
Hongkong, May 28, 1898. 1068

4. WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

are universally admitted to be
Worth a Guinea a Box.

FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS
DISORDERS.

Sick Headache, Loss of Appetite,

Scury and Blotches on the Skin,

Disturbed Sleep, &c.

For fevers of all ages they are invaluable.

The 1/4d. boxes contain 50 Pills.

Price, 50 Cents a Box.

Prepared only by the Proprietor—

THOMAS BEECHAM, Sir, Britain, England.

sole Agents for Hongkong and China—

WATSON & CO., 68, Queen's Road.

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JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS.

KUHN & KOMOR,

21 & 22, Queen's Road, Hongkong;

38, Water Street, Yokohama; and

38, Division Street, Kobe.

AMERICAN SYSTEM

OF DENTISTRY.

AT 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

CHADWICK KEW.

(late of Poate & Nobell).

Hongkong, July 18, 1898. 2643

THE CHINESE MAIL.

報日字體 (Wah Ta Yat Pe)

THIS paper is now issued every day.

The subscription is fixed at Five

lumbers per annum delivered in Hong-

kong, or Eleven Dollars Forty Cents in-

cluding postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese newspaper ever

issued under purely native direction.

The chief support of the paper is of course

derived from the native community,

amongst whom also are to be found the

advertisers and subscribers necessary to

place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates

upon the most reliable information from

the various Ports in China and Japan,

from Australia, California, Singapore, Pe-

nang, Salang, and other places frequented by

the Chinese,—conclude themselves justified

in guaranteeing a large and over-interesting

circulation. The advantages offered to ad-

vertisers are therefore unusually great,

and the foreign community generally will find

it to their interest to avail themselves of

them.

The field open to a paper of this descrip-

tion—conducted by native efforts, but

progressive and anti-obtrusive in tone—is

almost infinite. It on the one hand

commands Chinese belief and interest

while on the other it deserves every aid

that can be given to it by foreigners.

Like English journals it contains Editorial

and Local, Shipping, and Commercial

News and Advertising.

Subscription orders for the above may be sent to:

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,

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will be received by

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Banks.

BANKS.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID UP CAPITAL..... \$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND..... \$ 9,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$10,000,000.
PREDICTORS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—
Hon. J. J. BELL-INVES... Chairman.
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Armin Haupt, Esq., Secy.
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
ON CURRENT ACCOUNT AT THE RATE OF 2
PER CENT per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.
" 6 " 3½ " "
" 12 " 4 " "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 28, 1898. 368

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK,
LIMITED, ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... Yen 12,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL..... 10,500,000
RESERVE FUND..... 6,900,000
HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES :
London—LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO,
NEW YORK—LYONS, HONOLULU,
BOMBAY—SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS :
The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited,
Paris' Bank, Limited,
The Union Bank of London, Limited.

HONGKONG AGENCY—Interest allowed.
On Current Account at the Rate of 2%
per annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months, 5% per
annum.

On fixed deposits for 6 months, 4% per
annum.

On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3% per
annum.

S. CHOY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 1, 1898. 680

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch vessel	1700	10	3000	Comdr. A. H. Smith-Dorrien	Nagasaki
Algierine	sloop	1050	6	1450	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Weihaiwei
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. E. Kingsmill	Yokohama
Bardour	battleship, 1st class	10,593	14	13,000	Hon. S. C. Cobbold, Esq.	Hongkong
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4,859	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B.	Weihaiwei
Centurion	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain J. R. Jellicoe	Weihaiwei
Daphne	sloop	1140	8	2000	Comd. C. W. Winnington-Ingram	Batavia
Esk	g. b. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	900	Lt.-Com. G. Chadwick	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	3700	Lieut. A. H. Gillett	Taku
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	380	Captain F. W. Fisher	Hongkong
Grafton	gunboat, 2nd class	730	12	12,000	Lieut. Edward Kelly	Yokohama
Handy	gunboat, 2nd class	275	6	4000	Lieut. R. J. B. Keyes	Nagasaki
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	Weihaiwei
Hermione	torpedo boat destroyer	4360	10	6000	Lieut. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Hummer	gunboat, 2nd class	1640	10	1640	Captain Sir Edward Chichester	Weihaiwei
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	12,000	Capt. H. N. Dudding	Hongkong
Impetuosa	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. W. W. Smythe	Yokohama
Janet	gun-boat, 2nd class	758	2	870	Comdr. G. F. King-Hall	Chomolpo
Mars	gun-boat, 2nd class	758	6	1200	Lieut. Com. P. S. St. John	Shanghai
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	1050	6	1400	Capt. N. P. Cosgrave	Hongkong
Phoenix	gunboat, 1st class	758	6	1200	Lieut. C. T. Dornier	Weihaiwei
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	758	6	1200	Capt. C. V. de M. Cuypers	Canton
Flower	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	33,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Hongkong
Powerful	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. H. G. A. Hardinge	Dehong Sea
Wanderer	gunboat, 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut. Com. E. H. Grafton	Hongkong
Reindeer	gun-boat, 2nd class	758	2	870	Commodore S. C. Holland	Taku
Swift	recording ship	4600	2	200	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Hongkong
Tamar	g. b. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Capt. A. Schomburg	Hongkong
Tweed	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	12,000	Lieut. Comdr. W. P. Dawson	Taku
Undaunted	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Lieut. I. P. Barton	Nagasaki
Victorious	Sweeping ship	620	6	1250	Lieut. I. P. Barton	Weihaiwei
Witch	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	3800	Lieut. I. P. Barton	Hongkong
Wiverton	coastdefence ship, armoured	9750	4	10000		

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, K.C.B. + Flagship of Rear-Admiral G. S. P. Fitzgerald.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Prinses Berg	Austrian corvette	1400	9	800	Capt. L. von Zeigler	Nagasaki
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe	Saigon
Boyard	French gunboat	6500	12	4500	Captain Jeanmet	Yokohama
Bruix	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Captain Parfait	Saigon
Desvres	French cruiser	12393	11	4399	Capt. Philibert	Taku
Duguay-Trouin	French cruiser	1658	6	2050	Capt. Texier	Kwongchauwan
Edouard	French cruiser	470	6	1000	Captain Thesmar	Along Bay
Jean Bart	French cruiser	1658	6	2050	Capt. Amet	Taku
Laon	French gunboat	470	6	1000	Captain de Brézil	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	3608	14	8500	Captain de Pissix	Maula
Surprise	French gunboat	620	2	900	Captain Bouet	Saigon
Vaudou	French flagship	4400	12	6000	Captain Becker	Yokohama
Arcadia	German cruiser	1640	8	2330	Capt. Brueckner	Taku
Curacao	German cruiser	1840	8	2330	Captain Plaetsch	Wooosung
Deutschland	German ironclad	5000	9	3000	Captain Folletius	Nagasaki
Gosen	German 2nd class cruiser	4100	10	9000	Commander de Bois	Satow
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	2330	Captain Stabenow	Taku
Kaiser	German flagship	7077	15	6700	Captain Koellner	Taku
Kaisserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Trappel	Taku
Princeps Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	12	6000	Captain Frimann	Taku
Mareo Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	Shanghai
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Comdr. Carvalho e Athayde	Port Arthur
Admiral Kornieloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Taku
Aleut	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parcenoff	Wooosung
Borei	Russian sloop	250	2	1150	Captain Bohman	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donatov	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Wittfoss	Taku
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	600	9	3500	Capt. Serbenkoff	Taku
Grinitsch	Russian gunboat	1480	2	2000	Capt. Rudine	Taku
Krejtsa	Russian sloop	1800	9	2100	Captain Lindstrom	Taku
Kraiser	Russian sloop	1842	2	1800	Captain Latvink	Taku
Mandaruk	Russian 2nd class battleship	1800	3	1400	Commander Kochaloff	Taku
Navaria	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	—	Captain Panche	Taku
Otrajoy	Russian gunboat	1480	2	2000	Captain Cognroff	Taku
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	8000	16	8000	Captain Virentus	Taku
Rosia	Russian cruiser	12,300	26	10,000	Captain Domofrov	Taku
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,933	26	12,000	Comdr. Gouopt	Taku
Slatch	Russian gunboat	980	3	1188	Captain Baranoff	Taku
Sleek Volty	Russian ironclad battleship	10,000	14	8000	Captain Baranoff	Taku
Vladimir Monomach	Russian armoured cruiser	8000	16	7000	Captain Niedermiller	Taku
Vassiluk	Russian gunboat	1000	11	2800	Captain Prince Ouchotomsky	Taku
Edzjaka	Russian cruiser	1880	6	1100	Capt. Roudnia	Taku
Baltimore	U. S. sloop	2413	10	10,000	Capt. N. M. Dyer	Taku
Boston	U. S. sloop	5000	3	4000	Captain F. Wildes	Taku
Callao	U. S. gunboat	57	1	650	Lieut. Benjamin Tappan	Taku
Charleston	U. S. cruiser	1000	6	6000	Captain Grace	Taku
Concord	U. S. cruiser	1100	6	6400	Captain Walker	Taku
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	1100	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
Massachusetts	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	1100	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
Monterey	U. S. sloop	1000	6	6000	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
Montgomery	U. S. monitor	1000	6	6000	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
Orizaba	U. S. monitor	1000	6	6000	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
Port Royal	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	6000	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
San Francisco	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	6000	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
Seattle	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	6000	Captain C. W. D. Jones	Taku
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THE CHINA MAIL.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1898.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER BENGA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:

From LONDON, etc., ex S. S. Victoria, From PEKING GULF, ex S. S. Khandula and Pemba. From ZANZIBAR, ex S. S. Pemba.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 p.m. To-day, the 29th instant. Goods not cleared by the 4th November, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, October 29, 1898. 2061

'GLEN' LINE OF STEAM PACKETS,
FROM LONDON, CHATHAM AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenfield* having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 31st instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 6th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damage and/or shortages not later than the 13th November, at 4 p.m., otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 31, 1898. 2067

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON, ANTWERP AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Mesjane hikir*, Captain T. DAVIES, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chipped, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th Inst., at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 1, 1898. 2080

NORTHERN PACIFICO STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP *REIAMI*.

FROM PORTLAND, OR., YOKOHAMA,
KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1898. 2004

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.

ROTISSEUR,
Meals à la Carte.

CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.

Monthly Boarders at Moderate Rates.

Madar & Farmer,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 3, 1898. 1786

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White Violet
EXTRACT

This fugitive and delicate perfume is persistent as an Extract for the handkerchief while as a Soap and Powder, it has been adopted by the most refined French Society.

RIGAUD & CO.,
PARIS.

10,000 White Violets
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FRENCHMEN ATTACKED NEAR KWONG-CHAU-WAN.

WARLIKE CHINESE VILLAGERS.
ONE FRENCHMAN AND NINE NATIVES KILLED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hoihow, November 1.
It is commonly reported in Hoihow that on the 21st ultimo, some sailors from a French vessel at Kwong-chau-wan attempted to enter a village, named New Village. The visit was objected to by the villagers, and their entrance was finally opposed with force. The sailors came later with a larger force, and effected an entrance. The place was soon surrounded by a band of armed natives and the report says that the Frenchmen were confined in the village for two days. Finally, a native military official arrived on the scene, and effected the release of the besieged without the use of force. The sailors came later with a larger force, and effected an entrance. The place was soon surrounded by a band of armed natives and the report says that the Frenchmen were confined in the village for two days. Finally, a native military official arrived on the scene, and effected the release of the besieged without the use of force. When the Frenchmen left with their vessel, they took with them one body of a man who had been killed, and several wounded had to be carried to shore. The natives had nine killed.

At last reports all was quiet there again. The report, coming as it does after a time of quiet and when several natives had gone there from here to establish shops for the sale of foreign provisions, makes the report a surprise, and attests to its truth.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the 'CHINA MAIL.]

LONDON, November 2.
PROGRAMME OF THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.

M. Dupuy's Cabinet has prepared a programme which endorses M. Daudet's Fashoda views; bows to the decision of the Cour de Cassation, and will assist the enquiry into the Dreyfus affair.

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY'S RETURN.

It is announced in Berlin that the Emperor curtailed his tour in the Holy Land on account of the intense heat.

MAJOR MARCHAND'S INSTRUCTIONS.

The Daily Graphic states that Major Marchand has been instructed to withdraw from Fashoda to the Upper Ubangi, evading posts east of the frontier indicated by the Anglo-German agreement:

(Special Telegrams to the 'N. & C. Daily News.)

THE RIOTOUS BRAVES.

Peking, October 29.
Owing to the treacheries of General Tung Fu-hsing in punishing the ringleaders of the turbulent soldiers who made the murderous attack upon the foreigners near Lung-ku Bridge, the other day, when instructed by the Tsung-lam Yuen to do so, the Generalissimo Jung Lu has ordered Colonel Chu, the Commandant of the battalions which the riotous soldiers belong, to report to him in Peking, with the object of forcing that officer to hand over the ring-leaders for trial and punishment. H.E. Hu Yu-fen has been instructed to try the case immediately upon the handing over of the guilty men. Orders have also been sent by Generalissimo Jung Lu commanding the transfer of Tung's Kaisui Corps to the vicinity of Peitaiho (Chinwang), and ordering that they be sent back to their old cantonments in Paotang and Chingting provinces, Chihli.

THE ATTACK ON FOREIGNERS NEAR PEITAIHO.

In the attack by 'braves' belonging to General Tung Fu-hsing, Kaisui Corps, upon foreigners on the Tientsin-Shanghai-Kuan Railway, in the vicinity of Peitaiho, an Englishman pulled out his six-chambered revolver and emptied it upon the murderously inclined soldiers, killing two of them outright.

YU MAN-TZU BOUGHT OFF.

CHUNGKING, October 29.
The Acting-Viceroy Wu has received by cable on the 25th instant a letter from General Chou, commanding the troops opposed to Yu Man-tzu, stating that he has received a petition from that rebel asking for peace with the Government and permission to release the R. C. priest Fleury. The Acting-Viceroy has given his consent to a peace and has ordered a 'reward' or 'restitution' to Yu Man-tzu in the shape of a commission carrying a brevet button with it. This was sent on the same day to General Chou to prove the bona fides of the Acting-Viceroy's intentions towards the rebels in order to obtain the persons of the R. C. priests Fleury and Hung held by them. The followers of Yu are some to be enlisted in the local battalions while others are to be paid their expenses to their homes. Peace is therefore within reasonable distance of accomplishment and in consequence alarmist rumours are already dying out. Shanghai, Shensi, and Hankow bankers and merchant are advised to take advantage of the present opportunity coupled with the favourable condition of the river and hurry on their winter shipments so as to avoid loss in delay.

SHANGHAI RACES.

The Champion Sweepstakes at the Shanghai Autumn Race meeting was won by Scoler, the winner of the Leger.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory.—
On the 4th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has risen on the China coast. Pressure remains high over N. China, and is slightly low in the S.E. part of the China seas. Gradient moderate with fresh monsoon and the constant in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—fresh N.E. winds fall.

This life work of a wise man may be destroyed by a fool in a day.

Lore of married men joined the army because they were tired of fighting.

This average woman has more listening than speaking acquaintances.

And now the season is at hand when men's bookstores should be having sales for Christmas.

MUSICAL NOTES.

The Gloucester Musical Festival began on Sunday, Sept. 11, with a special service, when some 6000 people were present in the Cathedral, while large numbers were unable to obtain admission. The Festival proper began on Tuesday, Sept. 13, with a performance of 'Elijah,' when there was an audience numbering over 3000, a record for these festivals. Among the principals were Madame Albari, Miss Ravagli, Mr. Watkin Mills and Mr. Ben Davies, who appeared for the first time in this oratorio in Gloucester. In the evening, Dvorak's 'Stabat Mater' and the first part of the 'Creation' were heard, with Madame Ella Russell, Miss Hilda Wilson, Mr. Hirson Jones and Mr. David Bispham as principal vocalists. Wednesday's programme included Wesley's eight-part motet, 'In exitu Israel,' Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise,' and three new compositions of Verdi's, a 'Stabat Mater,' Te Deum, and a Hymn to the Virgin, the last-named, set to words from Dante's 'Paradiso,' being for four female voices without accompaniment. Verdi's 'Stabat Mater' and 'Te Deum' do not seem to have been fully enjoyed. The composer indulged too much, so says one critic, in theatrical effects, such as a sudden change from pianissimo to fortissimo when the words do not warrant such treatment. Coleridge Taylor's orchestral ballads in A minor achieved a brilliant success, and the composer was twice recalled.

Sir Arthur Sullivan's new opera, 'The Beauty Stone,' which has just been placed in rehearsal at the Savoy, is understood to be a story of Flanders in the time of Philip von Artevelde. Mr. Pinero and Sir Arthur Sullivan will personally conduct the later rehearsals.

I take the opportunity of reminding my readers of the concert in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society to be held on the Volunteer Parade Ground on Saturday next. Arrangements are in the hands of Mr. Grace, so we may look forward to an entertainment of a very favourable impression, the composer indulging too much, so says one critic, in theatrical effects, such as a sudden change from pianissimo to fortissimo when the words do not warrant such treatment. Coleridge Taylor's orchestral ballads in A minor achieved a brilliant success, and the composer was twice recalled.

It is intended to give a Concert at the Volunteer Parade Ground on Saturday, Nov. 12, the object being to raise funds to supplement the amount raised for the Hongkong Schools Sports held in April last, a further sum being required to meet all the expenses. The programme is not yet to hand, but I understand that Mr. Ellyayn, the Secretary of the Sports Committee, has charge of the arrangements, and intends to make the Concert a success.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD
AND PEKING.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 31.

Lord Charles Beresford has had one considerable success at Peking: the Tsung-lam Yuen has granted him two thousand troops to be drilled by English officers. This is a very important concession, and there must be the nucleus of a force which in the future can hold up her head again among Asiatic Powers. That our Government should thus encourage China to provide herself with the complement of a regular army is a proof that we are solicitous that she should preserve her independence. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. as generally known, were asked to specially facilitate the progress of Lord Charles Beresford in China, and in accordance with this request they designated Mr. Boyce-Kup of their Tientsin house to accompany him as interpreter. We learn from Peking, however, that on his arrival there our Legation considered this would not do for Lord Charles Deedes to have an unofficial interpreter, and Mr. Fulford was designated to replace Mr. Boyce-Kup. A better man could not have been selected, if it was necessary for Lord Charles to have an official interpreter, though the change interferes slightly with his expressed desire to be as independent as possible of officials during his investigation of the situation in China. It is now to be feared that Lord Charles will be persuaded to take the Peking view of the comparative unimportance of the recent *coup d'état*, a view which seems to us to be most erroneous. As Lord Charles was on his way to Peking, however, he took with him to Tianjin a Legation guard, and the Legation guards, to get all the Legation guards withdrawn from Peking. Lord Charles has now, with the consent of the Russian Ambassador, gone to Port Arthur, a British man-of-war, and he will soon be back among us, and give us, we hope, the benefit of his observations on the situation on the spot.

We learn also from Peking that the suggestion that the Emperor should be seen by a foreign doctor emanated originally from Sir Claude Macdonald, but in the absence of Dr. Bushell, it was the medical adviser of the French Legation, Dr. Detheve, who was selected to see the imperial patient. It would have been a happy thought to send Dr. Morrison, the correspondent of the Times, whose professional qualifications are all that could be desired. Dr. Detheve was not allowed to take a stethoscope or any other instrument into the palace, but was permitted to sound the pulse, and anonymous letters and many obvious difficulties unknown to the general public, I think they have improved things. With the advent of the new double-ended disappearance of the old *Morning Star*, a service is promised us which should satisfy the most rigid of Royal Guards.

In no captions spirit, however, I think the management might well endeavour to obtain a clear fairway from one side to another. In a direct line from Pudder's Wharf to Chater's Pier, Kowloon, are several buoys. When no steamers are at anchor there is never a light, and on a dark night it seems to me to be more by luck than management they are avoided. When there are steamers at them, there are a source of danger both by day and night. A Ferry boat has often to dodge in and out of three or four steamers which happen to be buoys right in the course from Hong-kong to Kowloon, and at the same time clear of junks, sampans, and other launches. Navigation under such conditions is hazardous, and I have seen several very close shaves of collision due entirely to this cause.

The remedy, it seems to me, lies in getting the buoys shifted and establishing a proper fairway. The shipping firms interested might not like it, but no doubt it could be arranged with but little inconvenience to those in charge. In any case, it is not the lesser evil to remove them, and so avoid the present risk of accident and possible serious loss of life? With the large boats running about, and the increasing crowds of passengers travelling by them, I think it is a matter which the Government authorities might very well take up at once, and not wait for an accident to occur, and then do something.—I am, Dear Sir, Yours, &c., KOWLOON.

SUPREME COURT.
IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION,
(Before His Honour Sir John Carrington,
Chief Justice.)

Friday, November 4.

CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.—THE U.S.—POWAN.

His Lordship delivered Judgment in a motion brought by the owners of the Powan to vary the report of the Registrar on the damages arising out of the *Frontier-Kowloon* collision.

Mr. Pollock (instructed by Messrs. Deacon and Hastings) appeared for the owners of the Powan; Mr. J. J. Francis (instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny) appeared for the owners of the Kowloon.

According to the Times, it is a popular fallacy to suppose that an unsuccessful pianist can be a good accompanist, or that good accompanists are usually pianists who have been tried and found wanting as soloists.

A Vienna paper some time ago printed the reminiscences of an acquaintance of Franz Schubert in which appears a touching story. Schubert was at one period of his life, in such straitened circumstances that he could not afford to buy or even to hire a good piano, but one of his friends who owned a good instrument allowed him to come and play upon it every day. The friend, however, was a student, and as the daily performances interfered with his work, they agreed that when he did not wish to be disturbed the window curtain should be let down as a sign that the piano was locked, but when the curtain was up, Schubert might play to his heart's content. The neighbours used to watch the poor pianist as he came along the street, and declared that it was painful to see, the look of disappointment on Schubert's face when he thought this was an analogous case.

His Lordship disallowed the claim, and ordered each party to pay their own costs.

Lord Justice Collins, speaking at a meeting in connection with the Royal Academy, said: "In the colonies there are rudimentary forms of music and instruments, one of which in South Africa produces sounds only in the player's ear, and is absolutely incapable of anything else. Now, if that instrument could be distributed among the savages throughout the world, it would be a great blessing."

LA CANNE DE JONG.

[From the French of Alfred de Vigny.]

CHAPTER II.

MALTA.

'I am nothing—a nobody,' he said at the outset, 'and at the present moment, it is a genuine pleasure to me to think so; but, if I were anything, then like Louis XIV., I could say: I have been over fond of war. What was to be expected? Bonaparte from infancy had intoxicated me, just as he had done others; and his glory filled my head so violently and so completely, that I had no room for another idea. My father, an old general officer, always away on active service, was altogether unknown to me, when one day the fancy came over him to take me with him into Egypt. I was then twelve, and I still remember the time as though it were now, as well as the feelings of the entire army, and the emotions which had already taken hold of my mind. Two ideas filled out the soul of our vessel—the idea of glory and that of piracy. My father paid no more attention to the second than he did to the north-west wind which bore us along; but the first hummed so strongly in my ear that it made me for a long time deaf to all other worldly sounds' except to that of Charles XII.'s music—the canon. To me, the cannon seemed to be Bonaparte's voice; and youngster though I was, when I reached the Captain, opening his uniform, drew from his inner breast-pocket first his handgun, then a small pocket-book which contained a evident carbine. We entered a cab that was still fit up, where he told me the following couplets of rhyme, that, for reasons seem to be discovered, have ever since stayed in my keeping.

(To be continued.)

CHINESE BANKING CRISIS.

NINCO, October 28.

The past few days have witnessed a successful strike against injustice, the protestants being the numerous native bankers of this city. The present year has been a disastrous one for banking firms, many failures having occurred causing great distress to depositors and grave inconveniences to associated banks. As in all things Chinese, suspitions were created and there were those who despaired that some of the failures were not final.

The climax came when a firm closed its doors with liabilities variously stated at from \$3,000 to \$300,000. After much negotiation, the debtors were willing to pay 60 per cent to their creditors, a composition which was favourably received. Unfortunately one man was allowed to upset this arrangement. A man named Ting, a prominent adherent and helper of the Roman Catholic Mission, advised the bankrupt firm to reduce the composition to 30 per cent. This they did, and as a protest against this, and the interference of which they called 'Roman Catholic Influence,' all the native banks closed their doors. For two days this dead-lock existed, causing the native officials much anxiety, and the commercial class great inconvenience. On Thursday the Roman Catholic Mission cleared itself by repudiating the action of their agent, and leaving the settlement of the affair entirely to the creditors. The banks at once resumed business, thus ending what at one time threatened to be a very serious affair.—N. & C. Daily News.

THE REBELLION IN CENTRAL CHINA.

CHUNGKING, Oct. 13.

YU-MAN-TZU AND THE OFFICIALS. There is talk to-day of further trouble at a place called Yochihis, which adjoins the prefecture of Rochou. Although I have no particulars, the report is likely enough to be true, for every one expects that the present anti-Christian agitation will go indefinitely until the mandarins decide to fight Yu Man-tzu and his followers. The acting Viceroy Wen, formerly the Provincial Treasurer, has just issued a proclamation dealing with the present rising, and it is certainly a very unique document. There is timidity in every line of it, even the natives, like it is another putting a naughty child in the hand and scolding with and indeed complimenting on his former behaviour! Being a patriot he is implored to listen to good advice, lay down his arms, dismiss his followers, and return to his former industrious habits. Of course, if he doesn't he is to be severely punished. A more unsatisfactory proclamation was never issued; and the time demand not rashness or timidity, but snares and strenuous action on the part of every official in the province. The new Viceroy is badly needed, and it is to be hoped that when he comes he will adopt the only right method of putting an end to the present disgraceful state of affairs.

YU MUST BE DEFEATED ON HIS OWN GROUND.

but this is apparently just what the present officials do not wish to attempt, although it is stated that there is now a sufficient number of troops in the city and neighbourhood—many of whom are said to be anxious to fight—to annihilate Yu and his gang without trouble! Being a patriot he is implored to listen to good advice, lay down his arms, dismiss his followers, and return to his former industrious habits. Of course, if he doesn't he is to be severely punished. A more unsatisfactory proclamation was never issued; and the time demand not rashness or timidity, but snares and strenuous action on the part of every official in the province. The new Viceroy is badly needed, and it is to be hoped that when he comes he will adopt the only right method of putting an end to the present disgraceful state of affairs.

A MAN OF WEALTH IS NEVER CRANKY—HE'S NEVER COQUETTE.

SOME PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE MORE PAINS TO CONCEAL WHAT THEY KNOW.

THE MEDICAL JOURNAL publishes the report of Dr. Cinel, of Paris, asserting that guillotining does not immediately affect the brain. The French Doctor says the blood first comes from the larger vessels of the neck and there is hardly any drain upon the circulation in the cranium. The brain, he adds, finds nourishment for an hour after decapitation, during which time the person decapitated retains his power of hearing, smelling and seeing. Absolute death, Dr. Cinel claims, does not ensue for three hours. Thus it is pointed out guillotining instead of being speedy, is one of the most prolonged and horrible forms of capital punishment.

THE BRITISH BOAT-BUILDERS have broken the record this year with 598 merchant vessels of 1,364,250 tons under construction on September 3rd, being 351,000 above the best previous record; while 92 warships of 287,450 tons are also building. Great Britain's maritime supremacy is shown by the fact that 428 out of 598 merchant ships are being constructed for British owners.

Mr. Charles H. Cramp, who must be regarded among the leading authorities on ship building, expresses in an article on the progress of ship-building during the last thirty-five years the opinion that the United States will doubtless establish big ship-building yards at Port Arthur. Referring to Japan, Mr. Cramp says that country is built, or excellent men-of-war. If the Japanese are ordering a man-of-war from abroad, it is only done under the condition that a certain number of Japanese working men are occupied when building. In this way, Japan is getting experienced working men for ship building.

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